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Ahead of today's primary election, incumbent Gov. Andrew Cuomo led challenger Cynthia Nixon by 41 points in the latest Siena College poll. While many may be writing her off, the 2018 Democratic elections so far have shown that anything can happen. Inside today's issue you'll find an analysis from NYU political scientist Patrick Egan on the Cuomo-Nixon race and evolving Democratic Party. Now go vote — and be sure to Instagram your "I voted" sticker or else it didn't happen.

1 MICHELLE OBAMA ANNOUNCES STADIUM TOUR

Michelle Obama announced a 10-city U.S. stadium tour on Wednesday to support her upcoming memoir, "Becoming," that will feature what organizers called "intimate and honest conversations" with audiences. The former first lady will kick off the tour in her Chicago hometown on Nov.13, the day "Becoming" is released in the U.S. and in 28 languages around the world. Event promoters Live Nation said the tour would also take Obama to Los Angeles, Boston, Dallas, New York and other cities and stadiums with seating capacities of up to 23,000 that are also used for concerts by some of music's biggest acts. "I've spent the last year and a half reflecting on my story as deeply and honestly as I could, and now I'm thrilled to travel the country and do the same with readers this fall," Obama said in a statement. In a message and video on her Facebook page, she described the book as "the story of my humdrum plainness, my tiny victories, my lasting bruises, my ordinary hopes and worries."

2 DIMON BACKTRACKS ON DEFEATING TRUMP

Jamie Dimon, CEO of JPMorgan Chase & Co., quickly backtracked on Wednesday morning from having said he could beat President Donald Trump in a campaign but not liberal Democrats. "I should not have said it. I'm not running for president," Dimon said in a written statement released within an hour of his original comments. Dimon said his original remark "proves I wouldn't make a good politician. I get frustrated because I want all sides to come together to help solve big problems." Dimon, at an event promoting a $500 million JPMorgan investment in cities, first said, "I think I could beat Trump ... because I'm as tough as he is, I'm smarter than he is," according to CNBC, adding: "I can't beat the liberal side of the Democratic party." "And by the way this wealthy New Yorker actually earned his money," Dimon added. "It wasn't a gift from Daddy." Dimon, 62, has said publicly in the past he will not run for president and does not have the temperament for the job. He said in January he expects to be chief executive officer of the bank for about five years.

3 APPLE UNVEILS BIGGER IPHONES AT HIGHER PRICES

An Apple iPhone XS Max (R) and iPhone XS rest on a table during a launch event on Wednesday in Cupertino, Calif. The new iPhones unveiled Wednesday offer Apple a chance for fresh momentum in a sputtering smartphone market as the California tech giant moves into new products and services to diversify. Apple was expected to introduce three new iPhone models at its media event at its Cupertino campus, notably seeking to strengthen its position in the premium smartphone market a year after launching its $1,000 iPhone. ***Read more on pages 14 & 15.***

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4 '60 MINUTES' PRODUCER FIRED FOR BULLYING TEXT

The executive producer of the CBS television program "60 Minutes," Jeff Fager, is leaving CBS News, according to a company memo on Wednesday, amid reports of inappropriate behavior. The two-paragraph internal memo from CBS News president David Rhodes, which was seen by Reuters, said that Fager's departure "is not directly related to the allegations surfaced in press reports, which continue to be investigated independently." CBS Corp Chief Executive Officer Leslie Moonves resigned on Sunday amid a new wave of allegations against him of sexual assault and harassment uncovered in two New Yorker stories in the past two months. In the New Yorker report, Fager is accused of inappropriate touching and of tolerating an abusive culture. CBS said on Monday that it would pay $120 million to former Chief Executive Officer Leslie Moonves if an internal investigation into allegations of harassment fails to provide grounds for his dismissal. Rhodes said Fager violated company policy but did not specify the policy.

5 ROBIN WILLIAMS' GOLDEN GLOBES UP FOR AUCTION

Four Golden Globe awards won by Robin Williams are going up for auction next month, along with the late actor's collection of movie props, watches, toys and art. A prop dagger that the comedian used on the set of his 1991 movie "Hook" and battery-powered T-shirt that he wore to the 2000 Academy Awards for a performance of "Blame Canada" are also included in the sale at Sotheby's in New York on Oct. 4. "We're incredibly excited about the watch that Robin Williams wore during 'Dead Poets Society,'" Nina del Rio, Sotheby's vice chairman, told Reuters Television at a public exhibition ahead of the sale. The gold-plated Hamilton wristwatch, engraved on the back after filming in 1988, is expected to fetch up to $2,000. The items, including works by modern artists Banksy and Shephard Fairey, were collected by Williams and his second wife Marsha Garces Williams over 20 years. Williams died by suicide in 2014 at age 63. The auction includes the actor's Golden Globe statuettes for "Good Morning Vietnam" (with an estimate of $15,000-20,000), "Mrs. Doubtfire," "Mork & Mindy" and "The Fisher King."

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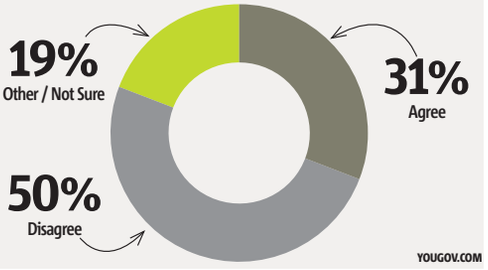

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Prostitution and gambling ring nets 7 NYPD cops

The arrests come after a nearly three-year investigation by Internal Affairs.

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Seven members of the NYPD were arrested on Wednesday for their involvement in a gambling and prostitution ring in Queens and Brooklyn.

In addition to the seven arrests, which include three sergeants, two detectives and two officers, 40 civilians involved in the prostitution and gambling ring were also either arrested or being sought, according to the New York Times. They also added that two more detectives were placed on administrative leave.

According to several reports, Internal Affairs began the investigation after receiving a tip from an officer back in 2015 mentioning prostitution and gambling problems within the department. The seven arrested NYPD members, according to the New York Post, were suspected of providing protection for the gambling and prostitution ring.

In a statement, NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill said, "Today, those who swore an oath and then betrayed it have felt the consequences of that infidelity. The people of this department are rightly held to the highest standard, and should they fail to meet it, the penalty will be swift and severe."

According to the New York Post, the officers arrested include Sgt. Louis Failla (Queens Evidence Collection Team); Sgt. Cliff Nieves (Transit Bureau Investigation); PO Steven Nieves (84th Precinct); PO Giancarlo Raspanti (109th Precinct); Det. Gionanny Rojas-Acosta (Criminal Investigation Division Training); Det. Rene Samaniego (Brooklyn South Vice); and Sgt. Carlos Cruz (69th Precinct Det. Squad).

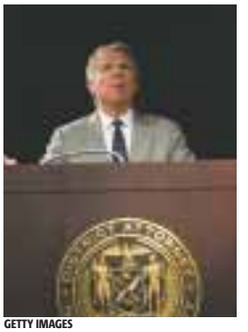
The New York Times reported that Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown said that formal charges will be announced on Thursday. The officers will appear in State Supreme Court for arraignment.

Manhattan DA's office drops more than 3,000 open marijuana cases

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance on Wednesday dropped more than 3,000 open marijuana smoking and possession cases dating back to 1978, saying the action would serve justice and address racial disparities in the prosecution of marijuana offenses.

Vance moved to vacate 3,042 outstanding warrants and dismiss the underlying charges before New York City Criminal Court Judge Kevin McGrath. The judge said the cases must be sealed within 90 days.

The district attorney's decision applies to misdemeanor and violation cases in which a warrant was issued because the defendant failed to appear in court. It does not apply to any cases where a defendant was convicted, or to more serious charges like selling marijuana.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"By vacating these warrants, we are preventing unnecessary future interactions with the criminal justice system," Vance said in court.

"We made the decision that it is really in the interest of justice," Vance said at a press conference in court after making his motion. He added that dropping the charges would remove a burden from his office and the court system.

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Here's how Cynthia Nixon has already one-upped Cuomo

In the Democratic Party, "a more liberal activist base is getting restless with leadership that they view as too moderate," says NYU poli-sci Professor Patrick J. Egan.

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Ahead of Thursday's New York Democratic primary, Cynthia Nixon already has a big win over rival Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

"Nixon has already succeeded in forcing Cuomo to tack to the left," said Patrick J. Egan, associate professor and director of undergraduate studies at NYU's Department of Politics. "He's not faced a really strong challenger from his liberal flank since being elected governor, and this election has forced him to take stances that are away from the middle, which is his natural inclination to stay close to."

The question now is will Cuomo *stay* to the left if re-elected to a third term and "perhaps in anticipation of a run for president," Egan said. (The governor, despite his denials, has been rumored to be mulling a presidential run in 2020.)

"The national Democratic Party is increasingly showing itself to demand a lot of ideological fealty from candidates, and if Cuomo wants to run for office, that will be a big challenge for him because he's seen as fairly moderate compared to other Democrats," Egan said.

While Cuomo has two terms as governor and nearly 40 years in politics behind him, the 2018 gubernatorial election is the first foray into politics for longtime actress and activist Cynthia Nixon. If elected, she would be the state's first female governor, as well as the first openly gay governor, in New York history.

Nixon would not be the first celebrity-turned-politician to claim a governorship — think Jesse Ventura's unexpected win in Minnesota in 1998 and Arnold Schwarzenegger winning California's recall election in 2003 and a full term in 2006.

> **"These things do happen, where outsiders can, at times, be successful running for the state's top job."**
> **Patrick J. Egan, professor at NYU's Dept. of Politics**

"These things do happen, where outsiders can, at times, be successful running for the state's top job," Egan said. "In that sense, I think [Nixon's] celebrity has given her a bit of a boost because she has instant name recognition among those familiar with her TV and stage roles, which, let's be clear, is not everybody."

A hindrance for Nixon and similar candidates is they might not "have the pre-existing relationships with other elected officials you need to get things done," Egan explained. "Of course that has been a concern about celebrities who have been elected to office — including our current president. That concern is a valid one, and for Nixon to win, she has to successfully diffuse that concern."

Though Cuomo extended his lead over Nixon to 41 points in the latest Siena College poll, the 2018 Democratic elections so far have shown that anything can happen. Paulette Jordan of Idaho may become the country's first-ever Native American governor in November, while Georgia Democrat Stacey Abrams could be the state's first black female governor.

Other female candidates, from New York's Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez to Boston's Ayanna Pressley, have also upended establishment Democrats this year.

"I think the governor primary is, in many ways, a microcosm of what's happening across the country in the Democratic Party, which is that a more liberal activist base is getting restless with leadership that they view as too moderate," Egan said. "We are looking at a year in which, most likely, an unprecedented number of women will be elected to Congress, most likely state legislatures as well."

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State senate candidate Salazar accuses Netanyahu staffer of sexual assault

Julia Salazar says she was sexually assaulted by Israeli PM spokesman David Keyes.

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PHOTO: JULIA SALAZAR FOR SENATE

Democratic New York State Senate candidate Julia Salazar recently claimed that she was sexually assaulted by David Keyes, a top spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Salazar apparently made the claim to get ahead of a conservative publication's news story that was allegedly meant to "out" her and other sexual assault accusers of Keyes, 34, according to reports.

"This story appears to be an effort to cast doubt upon my, and other women's, accusations against Keyes," Salazar said in a statement posted on Twitter. "I've spoken to other journalists who were investigating accusations against David Keyes on background about this experience, but have never spoken on the record about it until now.

"There's a reason women don't come forward after a traumatic experience — because of the triggering and vicious responses that follow," Salazar added. "I strongly believe sexual assault survivors should not be outed in this way, and am saddened by the effect this story may have on other women."

The alleged assault reportedly occurred five years ago. Keyes denied Salazar's claim of sexual assault, telling the Daily News it is a "false accusation made by someone who has proven to be repeatedly dishonest about her own life."

The Julia Salazar for Senate website describes Salazar as an "advocate, a tenant, a feminist, a democratic socialist, a union member, and a proud daughter of an immigrant father." The Brooklyn native attended New York public schools and Columbia University. She lives in Bushwick, Brooklyn.

Salazar said she is running for New York State Senate to help solve a massive affordable housing crisis that is raising rents and displacing tenants.

"Our families are paying more and more just to put a roof over their heads and have less and less to spare for everything else," says a statement on her website.

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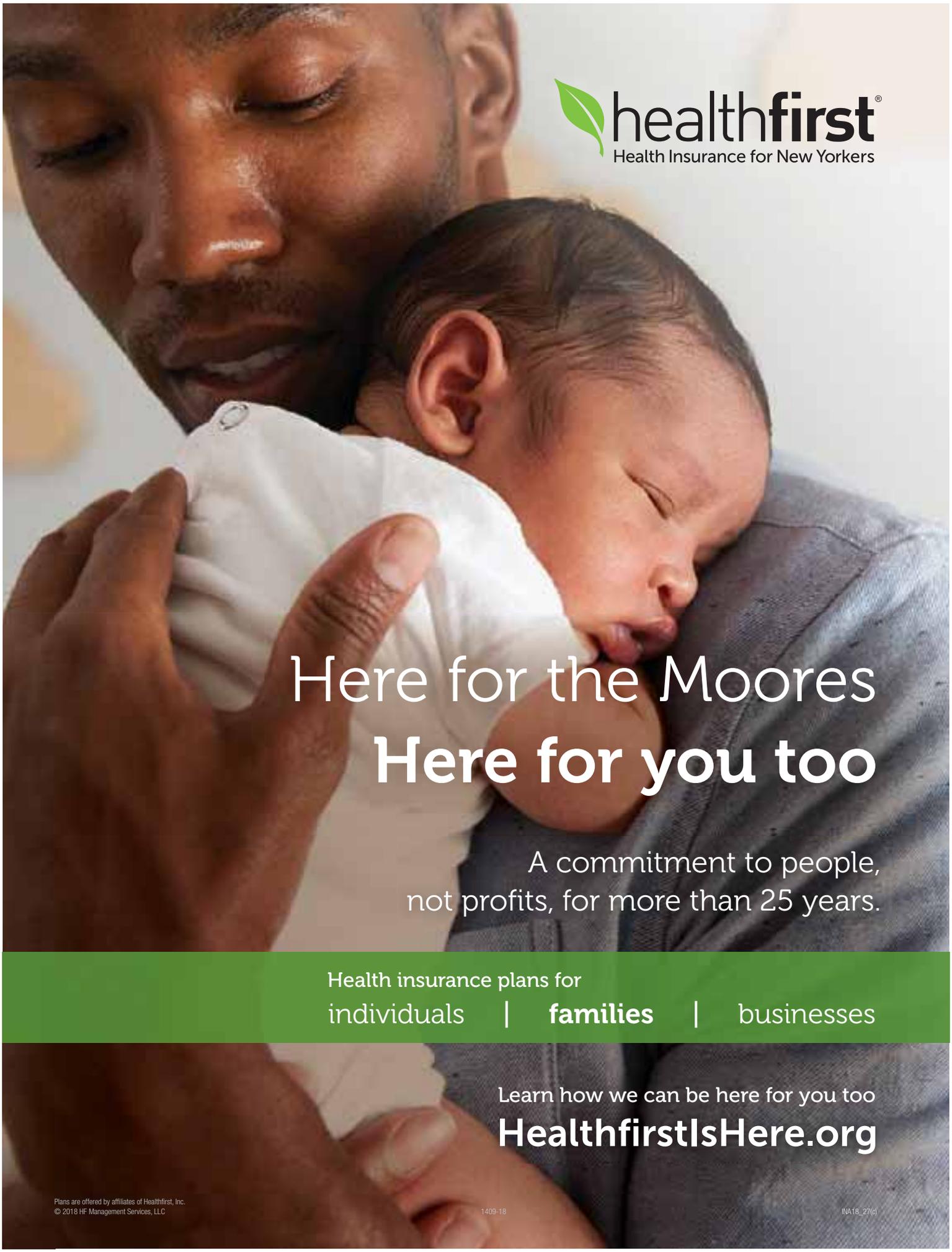
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					3 people	$61,783 - $75,120
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					4 people	$130,183 - $172,095
3 bedroom		$4,380	13	→	3 people	$150,171 - $154,935
					4 people	$150,171 - $172,095
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Flo predicted to bring a 'Mike Tyson punch to the Carolina coast'

Florence shifts south as Georgia and the Carolinas hunker down.

Fears about Hurricane Florence spread south on Wednesday, with Georgia declaring a state of emergency after officials in the Carolinas urged people to evacuate the coast ahead of the storm's expected pounding winds and rain-driven floods.

Florence weakened slightly to a Category 3 storm on a five-step scale but had maximum sustained winds of 125 miles per hour as of 2 p.m. EDT, down from 130 mph earlier in the day. Its trajectory showed its center most likely to strike the southern coast of North Carolina by late Thursday or early Friday, the National Hurricane Center said.

Updated NHC forecasts showed the storm lingering near the coast of the Carolinas, carrying days of heavy rains that could bring intense inland flooding from South Carolina to Virginia. Parts of North Carolina could get 40 inches of rain.

Jeff Byard of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) invoked a former boxing champion to warn residents that Florence would bring "a Mike Tyson punch to the Carolina coast."

"Heed the warnings," said Byard, adding there was "well over $20 billion" in FEMA's disaster relief fund.

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper predicted tens of thousands of homes and businesses would be flooded in his state. Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal, concerned the storm would bring its devastation south, issued an emergency declaration for all 159 counties in his state.

More than one million people have been ordered to evacuate the coastlines of the Carolinas and Virginia while schools and factories were being shuttered.

The NHC said the first tropical storm-force winds of at least 39 mph would hit the region early on Thursday with the storm's center reaching the coast Friday.

Emergency preparations in the area included activating 2,800 National Guard troops in North Carolina, stockpiling food, setting up shelters, switching traffic patterns so that major roads led away from shore, and securing 16 nuclear reactors in the three-state region.

Wilmington, N.C., just north of where the hurricane is expected to come ashore, was sunny around midday on Wednesday as the town appeared to be emptying.

"I'm not approaching Florence from fear or panic," said Brad Corpening, 35, of Wilmington. "It's going to happen. We just need to figure out how to make it through."

Officials in New Hanover County, which includes Wilmington, have stockpiled enough food and water for 60,000 people for four days, along with more than 28,000 tarps. Shelters in the city were filling and some were being bused inland to Raleigh.

"It's going to happen. We just need to figure out how to make it through."
Brad Corpening

"It's going to be bad," said Woody White, chairman of the New Hanover County Commissioners. "But no matter how bad it's going to be, it will pass and our job will be to rebuild this community together, and that's what we're going to do."

Even miles away from the Atlantic, North Carolina residents in low-lying areas are boarding up and emptying stores.

"A lot of our storefronts are boarded up," said Lynn Davis, town manager for Belhaven, which sits at sea level in northeastern North Carolina. "People are taking down awnings and U-Haul trucks have come in and taken the entire contents of stores." REUTERS

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MARNI HALASA

Marni Halasa, a lawyer, journalist and professional figure skater, ran in the last election for City Council for District 3 as an independent on the Eco Justice Party. In addition to her protest consulting group, Revolution Is Sexy, she recently founded Community Control of Land Use (ccluny.com), a group that collectively organizes small businesses and tenants about intrusive neighborhood development.

Feel like voting is a little like playing blackjack, blindfolded, after a night of too many drinks, your head cloudy, completely confused by sensational headlines, relentless punditry and media spin? You're not alone. In the past month, a surprising number of friends, neighbors and colleagues have solicited my opinion on who to vote for in the Democratic Primary, desperate for a clear understanding on the $1 million question of the governor's race: What's more important, vision or experience?

Uncharacteristically exciting, today's primary will undoubtedly be a testament to what New Yorkers hold dear: an experienced Gov. Andrew Cuomo, whom critics claim has not done enough for the city, or the actress Cynthia Nixon, who has a socially-democratic vision that embraces ordinary New Yorkers, but no track record. Cuomo may be leading in the polls, but we all know to never underestimate the winds of progressive change bringing out newly energized voters, as well as the insurgent candidacies of Nixon, attorney general candidate Zephyr Teachout, and the win of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

This new brand of politicians, challenging the direction of the Democratic Party, is inspiring voters to turn out on Election Day.

Such renewed participation will ultimately help settle what is important, vision or experience. But either way, voters want a governor who's truly committed to the people. Someone who has a plan and the courage to solve our city's crises of unaffordable housing, dying small businesses, broken transportation infrastructure and unlivable wages. We want a leader who will push for policies and pass laws that will upwardly lift the lives of the working and middle class and keep our city affordable — no matter which donor or special-interest group they anger. To me, the choice is clear. If it is to you, get out and vote!

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In its latest big-event announcement in Cupertino, Apple released its iPhone XS, XS Max, XR, as well as the new model of Apple Watch. Metro takes a closer look at the new gadgets.

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FASHION WEEK

FASHION fails & hits

Politics, style and shows

Why are we obsessed with what our leaders wear? Metro investigates.

LUZ LANCHEROS, MWN

Not since Marie Antoinette's head was cut off as a scapegoat for her love of fashion have we have seen so much interest in what those in power are wearing. In recent years the ideas of future leaders have been viewed as important as what they are wearing. For that reason, a jacket like the one worn by Melania Trump when visiting the U.S. border in the midst of a humanitarian crisis that read "I really don't care, do u?" as well as the black dresses worn by actresses at this year's Golden Globes have become a topic of conversation.

However, how far does this generate a genuine interest in what politicians represent and to what extent has it been only ephemeral tabloid fodder? Why are we obsessed by what Meghan Markle, now Duchess of Sussex, wears, Michelle Obama some time ago, and even Justin Trudeau?

"Because we, as a culture, are also interested and involved in fashion," Amanda Hallay, a fashion history professor at LIM College in New York, director of marketing for Dean Street Press and creator of "The Ultimate Fashion History" YouTube channel, explains to Metro. "There was a time when in fashion it was not noticed if people talked about what politicians were wearing. Who was discussing how Edgar Hoover's suits were cut, or Richard Nixon's ties? First lady Eleanor Roosevelt was a model citizen, but she was not interested in fashion and people of any political ideology never criticised her for her wardrobe,"

She adds: "The advent of the internet, together with fashion reality TV (like "Project Runway"), have made people think they are fashion experts and criticise what politicians use. We are obsessed with fashion in a way that we should not be, fashion has become the other 'F' word. What politicians do should matter more than what they wear."

Ironically, in this world of immediate information there are also multiple readings into it. With Melania and her campaign suits, she tried to create a "subversive" story against her husband's campaign. Then, with the Ralph Lauren she wore to the presidential inauguration, she tried to recreate Jackie Kennedy's story and even as a victim of her husband. Haters are now all over her "I don't care, do u?" jacket, which has overshadowed, for now, any other outfit she wears as well as the costs of her gowns, such as the $80,000 Chanel dress she wore to the state dinner with President Emmanuel Macron of France and his wife, Brigitte.

"I think it's a combination of the current fashion obsession, but above all, it's a general reflection of a declining society. It is easy to criticize what a politician [wears], but discussing politics takes more wisdom and commitment," Hallay states.

It is easier to criticize the outfit than the figure. Hallay knows that all too well, explaining that "in the last 50 years there has been an incredible democratization of society. The class system may still exist, but we pretend it does not and I think the working class resents that their elected leaders (and their wives) dress beyond the possibilities of an average citizen. Certainly, the first ladies must have elegant and appropriate wardrobes, because they not only represent their husbands, but also the country.

"We are still very much linked to the idea that for a woman to look attractive she must look 'sexy.' It's a confusing time for fashion and for the world," she concludes. "And it's ironic when we look at campaigns with ultra-thin and sexualised models in #MeToo T-shirts at the same time. I feel it's ironic that the designers who have adhered to the #MeToo movement with feminist T-shirts are the ones that keep on sending models practically topless down the runway."

Melania Trump and her infamous Zara jacket

Do not wear something that expresses disinterest in one of the most shameful issues of your husband's government. Even though the White House played down the episode, it further detonated world anger. What you wear sends a message.

Justin Trudeau and his Bollywood ensembles

When visiting India it is not necessary to disguise yourself as if you were Shahrrukh Khan himself. There are more subtle and respectful ways to approach a culture, without needing to become a viral joke.

Angelica Rivera and any dress worn before 2016

At that time, the Mexican first lady still did not know that wearing Mexican designers was the key to attracting even more anger from her compatriots, who already hated her husband, Enrique Peña Nieto.

Melania Trump and her heels during Hurricane Harvey

It is a bad idea to wear expensive stiletto heels to an emergency zone where your compatriots are suffering.

Theresa May

She's been on Vogue's cover and it is proof that a political leader can follow fashion and be fond of it and be taken seriously.

Kate Middleton and her multipurpose dresses

One of her viral dresses was the one from Harry's wedding to Meghan, a wrap dress by Alexander McQueen, which she wore on another occasion. These outbursts of austerity have given her popularity.

Michelle Obama and Latin designers

She wore dresses by Narciso Rodríguez and Isabel Toledo (the latter to her husband's presidential inauguration). She also wore Maria Cornejo.

Meghan Markle and her wedding dress

A foreign firm (Givenchy), flowers that represent the Commonwealth, her own style. The best part was that her mother was able to exhibit her dreadlocks and piercings without censorship. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

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Everything could become a piece of fashion that goes beyond imagination.

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Wearable art, a concept of individually designed pieces of usually handmade clothing or jewelry created as fine or expressive art, seems to be used indiscriminately and relatively. However, it goes beyond dresses made of paper, leaves and flowers with American reality TV series "Project Runway." It features designers, entrepreneurs and artists who took things a step further and created pieces to delight and impact us. Metro highlights the best of them.

Iris Schieferstein and taxonomic shoes

The German artist became famous in 2012 when her taxidermy shoes went viral. Schieferstein made footwear and hats using feet of dead cows, horses, bird feathers and even fish bodies as material. American singer, songwriter, and actress Lady Gaga used some of her pieces costing up to $5,000. The designer also sparked controversies after creating shoes using pigeon wings.

Schieferstein collects parts of dead and discarded animals from a local butcher. Then it takes a week to remove all the unnecessary material to then process them and create artwear.

Horseshoes made for Lady Gaga. | VIRTUALSHOEMUSEUM.COM

Viktor & Rolf literalness

The Dutch designers transformed broken picture frames into haute-couture gowns. During a catwalk in 2015, Viktor & Rolf took broken frames off a wall and wrapped them over models. This wearable art collection was shown at the mezzanine space of Palais de Tokyo during Paris' autumn-winter Haute Couture Fashion Week. "A dress transforms into an artwork, back into a dress and into an artwork again. Poetry becomes reality, morphing back into fantasy," they stated.

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5 Collections that took artwear to another level

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Biological Atelier: Aw 2014 "Haute Bacon" Collection. | AMYCONGDON.COM

Tissues as fashion pieces

Researcher and designer Amy Congdon has created pieces with cells and hybrids and presented them as the craft of the future. Her first collection featured a brooch made of cells, animal tissues and leather that users could graduate themselves. Congdon is also collaborating with scientists at the King's College in London to investigate how this type of engineering could be used for damaged organs.

The eternal innovation of Iris Van Herpen

3-D printing has been a constant instrument throughout Van Herpen's career. She uses elements such as magnets, rigid plastic, aluminium and limestone to complement defying and organic silhouettes.

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Concrete rings

Spanish architect Fernando Menis did a series of concrete rings to celebrate the 15 years of the El Tanque Cultural Space, an old oil refinery tank built in the '50s. The rings were made of reinforced concrete and complemented with Swarovski diamonds.

Ring to celebrate the 15th anniversary of Espacio Cultural El Tanque | MENIS.ES

Q&A

FERNANDO MENIS
Spain-based architect

Why did you create a ring of reinforced concrete?
This ring tries to represent the geometric and conceptual abstraction of the cultural space. It was created for its 15th anniversary. The El Tanque old oil refinery tank is 50 meters in diameter and 20 meters high. I tried to recreate a vision of its visitors by translating the area of access to the cultural space with Swarovski crystals that arise out from the concrete, symbolising the particular energy that the semi-obscure space of the tank hides.

What about ergonomics?
This work is already standardised. There are certain numbers, which apply for different sizes. It's funny, because when we were in Asia, they asked for small sizes. And in the West we had to do larger ones. Our rings also generated interest, so we gave away some of them. Others were sold. Making a ring is like making an opera. You do the opera in five years. The ring was made in five months. Also, for the study, it is more refreshing to see something finished in the short term. It is a very interesting work and I do not rule out that we could create other things like that.

How are jewellery and architecture connected?
When I arrived to the jewellery I saw everything from my point of view. For example, a painter would see it from the angle of colours. For me it is all about the architecture.

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CLUELESS USE OF SLANG IN WRITING!
I'm one of few young people who enjoys social media just as much as a good newspaper or magazine. But the one thing I can't stand is writers attempting to merge the two with their misuse of slang. There's literally nothing more cringeworthy than a middle-aged white woman haphazardly inserting the word "woke" into a completely unrelated topic in an attempt to appear relevant. It's like driving over a pothole. Please just let the teens on Twitter enjoy their slang and get your point across with words that will resonate for years to come.
— **Lauren Noble**, *Metro US reader*

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AVOIDING SECONDHAND SMOKE ON THE STREET!
NYC is attempting to curb smoking however it is very hard to avoid secondhand smoke — either real cigarettes or e-cigarettes — on our public sidewalks. I recently took the subway in the early evening and experienced two riders smoking e-cigarettes. It is very easy for a smoker to tuck it under a palm between drags as if it is not lit. We have to put an end to this!
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Aries Keep moving forward, regardless of the challenges you face or the people who try to lead you astray. Trust and believe in yourself.

Taurus Make changes for the right reasons and build a strong and stable base for your plans. Make partnerships a priority. You can flourish!

Gemini Protect your rights. Don't share personal information. Dealing with institutions will be difficult and should not be left for someone else.

Cancer Suggestions made will give you a place at the table when negotiations begin. Whether with superiors, family or friends, speak from the heart.

Leo Resign yourself to things you have no control over, and keep moving forward. You are best off keeping plans to yourself to avoid interference.

Virgo Participate in events that will encourage you to make personal changes. Set high standards and strive to reach your goals. Choose to bring about change.

Libra Be cautious when dealing with older family members. Do your best to get along to avoid a misunderstanding. Change can be good if done properly.

Scorpio Embrace your feelings and share them with a loved one. Working in unison with someone who has similar goals will enhance chances of success.

Sagittarius Go over past mishaps to ensure that something similar doesn't happen again. Listen carefully and question anything that doesn't sound right.

Capricorn Consider what you'd rather be doing, and look into new possibilities that will help you fulfill your dreams. It's never too late to start over.

Aquarius Take what others say in stride. Everyone is entitled to his or her opinion. Don't get into a debate when your time is better spent getting things done.

Pisces Set high standards and strive to reach your goals. Your efforts will bring good results. There is money to be made if you are innovative and willing to try something new. EUGENIA LAST

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Paul Feig goes dark, kind of

The writer and director talks us through his new flick, "A Simple Favor."

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Paul Feig's latest film is a change of pace. Well, sort of. GETTY IMAGES

It would be easy to just label every Paul Feig film a comedy.

Of course, that's probably because "Bridesmaids," "The Heat," "Spy" and "Ghostbusters" are packed full of genuinely laugh-out-loud moments. But amidst these laughs, Feig insists there "are dark elements" that usually go overlooked because he wants his movies to "be good-natured at the end of the day."

So it makes sense then that Feig would turn his hand to the thriller genre, something he has done with "A Simple Favor," which revolves around Anna Kendrick's Stephanie, a warm and easygoing mommy blogger, and her burgeoning friendship with the dangerous and mysterious Emily, played by Blake Lively, who then suddenly disappears.

"If you look at all my films they are genre films. One of the films I have always wanted to do is a Hitchcockian thriller," Feig tells Metro. "The script was sent to us to produce. We weren't sure if it was a drama or a comedy or a thriller, it was so crazy. I loved the script so much that I immediately wanted to direct it."

But while Feig was more than ready to embrace his dark side, he still believes that he wouldn't have directed the film if it was a "stand thriller."

"It was Anna Kendrick's character, Stephanie, that allowed me in. She is a fish out of water, nerdy mum who is trying to figure out her place in the world. I knew, with her, I could make it funny and true to the thriller genre," says Feig. "All the pieces were here with these characters. I wanted it to be fun and funny, but only if it supported the thriller genre."

"I love thrillers. It is kind of my favorite genre," he adds. "I wanted to make sure that I didn't underserve that. It was always thriller first, then the comedy would come from the extreme of the characters."

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Feig also saw an opportunity to implement his cinematic voice within the thriller genre, too, which would help to make "A Simple Favor" unique while harking back to the classics of the genre.

"Ultimately, I just wanted to make it fun. I am a huge fan of the Hitchcock movies. And they are fun. They can get really dark and dangerous, but you laugh a lot," says Feig. "Just look at how quirky and funny his supporting characters [are]. Even the lead characters. Look at Cary Grant in 'North By Northwest.' There's a gravitas to it, but they are light and playful. I wanted to bring that back."

"A Simple Favor" opens in theaters Sept.14.

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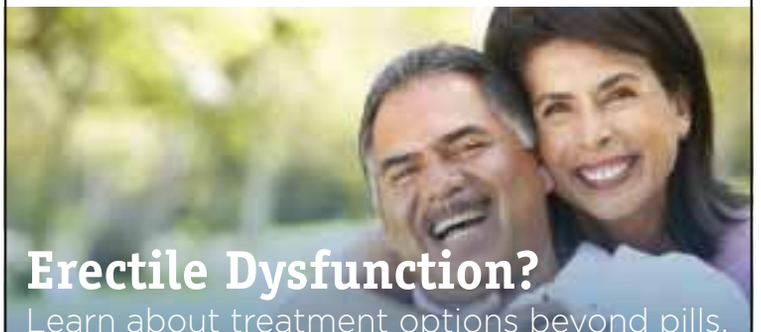

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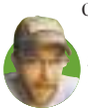
Dougray Scott really enjoyed shooting 'Snatch' season 2 in Spain

Don't get the Scottish actor wrong, though. He still loves Manchester.



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For the majority of its first season, Sony Crackle's television adaptation of the Guy Ritchie film "Snatch" kept Dougray Scott's Vic Hill in prison.

He eventually made it out and, with the help of his partner "Hate 'Em" (Tamer Hassan) and his son Albert (Luke Pasqualino), tried to steal back his gold bullion. Now in its second season, however, "Snatch" sees Vic and company relocating to Spain for a whole new set of cons — a change of scenery that Scott didn't mind at all.

"Manchester is clearly not Spain. The weather is very different, though they do have a fantastic football team" he laughs. "But I do love Málaga. It's such a beautiful city, architecturally. It has an incredible cathedral and some great restaurants. I loved it. It's such a beautiful part of the world."

Of course, shooting the second season of "Snatch" wasn't simply a vacation for Scott and everyone else involved, including "Harry Potter" alum Rupert Grint, whose character Charlie Cavendish frequently partners up with Pasqualino's Albert.

In a previous interview, Scott spoke about serving as a the "father of everyone" on the cast, especially these two. Ten more episodes later, his approach to this particular aspect of Vic remains the same, though with a bit more flourish.

"In many ways, he's also the most childish character on the show," Scott explains. "Vic is insatiable. Give him an inch and he'll take a mile. If there's any situation to be exploited, he'll exploit it. If there's any shenanigans to be had, he'll be having them. Vic just can't help himself. He's a fox. He's running chickens and he's going to attack them. He was brought up in that kind of environment, where if he sees an opportunity, he will take it. He's never going to change."

"So he is kind of a father figure," he adds, "but in other ways, his son provides a calming and sensible voice. They're all trying to go straight, but Vic has no intention of going straight. He just can't."

Sure enough, Vic proves to be as instrumental as he is detrimental to many of the plans that Albert, Charlie and Lotti Mott (Phoebe Dynevor) try to enact. Much of this has to do with the character as described by Scott, but it also has to do with his better half, Harry (Hassan). The pair are practically inseparable, and more often than not, they engineer some of the series' best hijinks.

"They were in prison for fifteen years together and they've known each other all that time," says Scott. "They play off one another. Sometimes they're adults, but when they go to the bar, they start dancing flamenco and get drunk. They get bored and Vic wants to have something more in his life, so he teams up with Harry. They get into all sorts of shenanigans."

Between "Snatch," the BBC's recent miniseries "The Woman in White" and the upcoming film "Sulphur and White," Scott himself is also keeping himself busy while avoiding "shenanigans." As for working in a much bigger franchise — like a potentially revamped "X-Men" movie, should Marvel Studios regain control of the property from 20th Century Fox — nothing is on the horizon.

But who knows? Maybe that will change for Scott, who nearly played Wolverine before Hugh Jackman scored the career-making role.

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Inside Little Italy's 11-day party

The Feast of San Gennaro is back, a chance to nosh on the best of Little Italy and learn about the metal patron saint of Naples.

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Street fairs are a New York City tradition, but there's nothing like the Feast of San Gennaro. At 92 years old, Little Italy's annual tribute to the patron saint of Naples is New York's longest-running street festival, a raucous 11-day affair when 10 blocks of Mulberry Street are taken over by endless booths of authentic Italian food, unique vendors, carnival fun and concerts.

The Feast of San Gennaro 2018 runs from Sept. 13-23 on Mulberry Street from Canal to Houston streets, starting at 11:30 a.m. and going until 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. Now that you've got the details, here's everything you need to know about the festival.

It's (mostly) about the food

As its name implies, the Feast of San Gennaro is very much about food. With Mulberry Street closed to traffic, many of the restaurants bring their white cloth-covered tables out onto the sidewalk, while others set up carts and booths.

With 10 blocks filled with vendors, you'll have to do a little legwork to find the authentic Italian fare, but the ones you can't miss include the country's first pizzeria, Lombardi's, Lucy's for traditional sausage-and-pepper sandwiches and the Brooklyn-born I Got Balls for giant arancini. Leave plenty of room for dessert at Cannoli King, Caffe Palermo, Ferraro and all the fresh-made zeppoles you can handle.

Eat your way to glory

If you've got an appetite bigger than any street-side stall can satisfy, take part in the Cannoli Eating Competition on Sept. 14 at 2 p.m. or the Meatball Eating Contest on Sept. 22 at 1 p.m. It's not reserved for professional eaters, either — anyone can take part by calling 212-764-6330.

The Feast of San Gennaro has kept its traditions while introducing new events. GETTY IMAGES

The saint who's still protecting Naples

The Feast of San Gennaro started as a religious festival — and who wouldn't celebrate a martyr like Saint Januarius (San Gennaro), who survived being burned and poisoned before Emperor Diocletian finally had him beheaded? Two vials of his blood are interred at a Naples church, where they miraculously liquefy on the day of his death, Sept. 19, and two other special days of the year, as well as whenever the city of Naples needs protection, like when Mount Vesuvius erupted.

New York's Feast of San Gennaro begins every year with a blessing of the stands by Monsignor Cassato (Sept. 13, 6 p.m.). The Solemn High Mass honoring San Gennaro is held on Sept. 19 at 6 p.m.; after the service, his statue is carried through the streets in a candlelight processional.

Don't miss the parade

It's not a real New York holiday without a parade. Take the afternoon off on Sept. 15 and head to the Grand Procession that starts off at 2 p.m. There may not be a canal in Little Italy, but you'll still see gondolas as well as floats and marching bands led by comedian Vic DiBitetto as grand marshal.

Hear the musical traditions of Little Italy

Every night of the festival except Sept. 15, catch live music starting at 7:30 p.m. on the Grand Street Stage. Acts often feature Italian performers and traditional music like the Staten Island doo-wop group Vito and The Elegants (Sept. 21) and singer Jenna Esposito, known for her soulful renditions of Italian-American songs (Sept. 23).

YOUR WEEKEND STARTS NOW

All the ways to catch a wave

The end of summer is actually the start of surfing season in New York as the waves along the Rockaways finally start building. Gather with the surfers at the fifth annual It Doesn't Not Work Festival at the Rockaway Beach Surf Club to explore the huge variety of surfboards created in "conversation between local craftsmen and the sea" and chat with makers, plus a photo exhibit, a live recording of the Swell Season podcast, film screenings and even open-water demos. ***Sept. 14-16, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., 302 Beach 87th St., Rockaway Beach, itdoesntnotwork.com***

Prost to Oktoberfest in Central Park

The normally buttoned-up Upper East Side gets a little crazy this Saturday when the lederhosen and tracht-wearing revelers from the U.S., Germany, Austria and Switzerland take over Fifth Avenue from 65th to 86th streets for a three-hour parade of historic floats, marching bands, dancing and more. Watch the fun then raise your own stein of authentic brews at a beer garden in Central Park's Rumsey Playfield. ***Sept. 15, free to watch the parade, noon-3 p.m., $35 entry to the beer garden, 1:30-7 p.m., germanparadenyc.org***

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Brooklyn's outdoor photo garden is back

Whatever the weather, don't let it keep you from the spectacular outdoor exhibit that is Photoville, the annual survey of photography where more than 600 artists cram entertaining and eye-opening images into 90 exhibitions and installations. In addition to browsing your way through the 65 shipping containers making their home in Brooklyn Bridge Park for two weekends, make time for panels, artist lectures, professional seminars, hands-on workshops — all free and open to everyone. ***Sept. 13-16 and 20-23, Thurs/Fri, 4-10 p.m., Sat, noon-10 p.m. Sun, noon-9 p.m., photoville.com***

Bust a move with Busta Rhymes

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Brooklyn Army Terminal with a free all-ages block party headlined by a concert featuring Busta Rhymes, Justine Skye and Natasha Diggs, plus art exhibits, a virtual reality room by NYC Media Lab, performances by community groups and tons of kid-friendly activities. Food vendors from around Sunset Park will bring the goods, plus a beer and wine garden featuring local breweries. ***Sept. 15, 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m., 140 58th St., free, eventbrite.com***

David Byrne still rocks

When an internationally renowned band is just another item on your resume, that's a renaissance man. Since Talking Heads, David Byrne has written books, become a motivational figure with his Reasons to be Cheerful project and, just this year, released a new solo record called, optimistically, "American Utopia." See him at two venues this weekend putting on a new kind of concert: without cords, he and his band perform choreography in addition to music. ***Sept. 15, 7 p.m., Forest Hills Stadium, $65+; Sept. 16-17, 8 p.m., Kings Theatre, $55+***

Take a foodie tour of North Brooklyn

Two of Brooklyn's hottest foodie neighborhoods are throwing a joint festival of food this Sunday. Taste Williamsburg Greenpoint returns for its ninth season with a block party on the Williamsburg waterfront featuring more than 40 of the area's restaurants, bars, breweries and wineries. Your ticket gets you a bite of everything; there will also be a special tent for L train alternatives, kids entertainment and exercise classes. ***Sept. 16, 1-5 p.m., East River State Park, 90 Kent Ave., Brooklyn, $55-$85, eventbrite.com***

Summer isn't over yet

Mother Nature can't make us give up summer. It may not be beach weather this weekend, but you should still wear your seaside best to Refinery Rooftop's Endless Summer Party with a cookout by Swingbelly's BBQ, plus Montauk beer, a DJ and plenty of last-minute rooftop Insta opps. Your ticket includes one plate of barbecue and two drinks. ***Sept. 16, noon-3 p.m., 63 W. 38th St., $25, universe.com/rrtendlesssummer***

Send a message of love

Founded in 2002 as a way to honor the victims of Sept. 11, the Peace Lanterns Festival has grown into a community event that calls on each of us to make the world better by being stewards of the environment, promoting peace and coming together. Join the Interfaith Center of New York in Gantry Plaza State Park for a day of free activities including kayaking, henna and decorating your own lantern, which will be set out on the East River. ***Sept. 16, 2-9 p.m., 49th Avenue and Center Blvd, LIC, free, interfaithcenter.org***

EVA KIS

The fight against erectile dysfunction

Don't worry. It happens. But there are ways to stop it!
By Pat King

Many men deal with the awkward physical disability commonly known as erectile dysfunction. As a matter of fact, it may be a more common drawback for more men than you may think. According to a study conducted by the Cleveland Clinic, roughly 52 percent of men experience erectile dysfunction in their day-to-day lives, with 40 percent of men age 40 experience it and 70 percent of men age 70. So what are some ways that you can combat this … gulp… disappointing condition that affects so many men in the bedroom?

Eat and live right

As with many ailments, erectile dysfunction can be closely related to how much you exercise and how well you eat on a daily basis. In a nutshell — by getting the right amount of cardio during the week, you will maintain a lower blood pressure which can help you to achieve healthier erections when it matters the most.

Eating right can also contribute to lowering your blood pressure with food like dark chocolate, pistachios, and watermelon all linked to lowering cholesterol and increasing the blood flow in the right areas. Some bad news for those who like the drink a few cocktails from time to time however is that drinking to excess has historically been linked to cases of erectile dysfunction. So try to cut back if you want to see improvements down there.

The importance of a healthy diet cannot be overstated in cases of erectile dysfunction as WebMD found It is estimated that around "35-75% of men with diabetes will experience at least some degree of erectile dysfunction during their lifetime." On top of that, men with diabetes will develop ED 10 to 15 years before men without diabetes.

Cut out the problem at the root

While many pills and contraptions have been touted as the end all be all cures of this worrisome condition, few have produced the same exciting restorative results as the ErectionWave treatment. Created by board certified urologist, Dr. David Shusterman, this new innovative treatment has taken a different approach to this issue than, say, swallowing a couple viagras on a nightly basis. The most exciting aspect of this treatment is that it actually works to cure the real issues behind ED and not offering a temporary solution. By directing high frequency rays towards blood vessels that have been blocked, ErectionWave treatment will increase blood through these pathways to allow for stronger and longer lasting natural erections without the assistance of pills or useless penis pumps.

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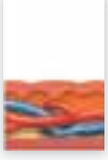

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To escape the harsh northeast winters, many make the trip to Plantation on Crystal River to swim with manatees and enjoy the relaxing atmosphere along the Gulf of Mexico. But even before the leaves start to change up here, down along the coast of Florida it's scalloping season.

You probably enjoy a good grilled scallop from time to time. But have you ever caught them for yourself?

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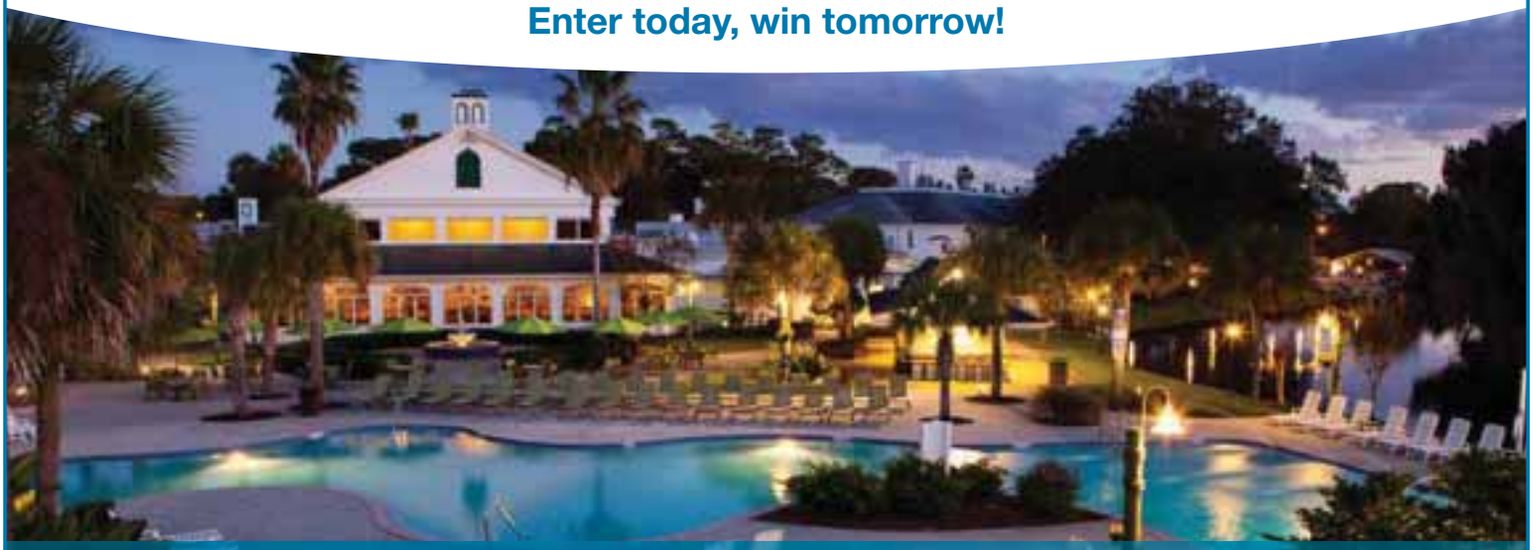

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Natal, the capital of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil, is beautiful and full of attractions to welcome tourists year-round.

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Beaches, dunes, natural pools, and cliffs. Natal is an interesting destination during any time of the year. Forget those ideas that traveling to the northeast of Brazil means constant noise and partying. The capital of Rio Grande do Norte can also offer more charming options, packed with fun, like the local tradition esquibunda (dune skiing), which, of course, is a must.

Let's start with enjoying the beach. A good option is to stay on the coastal road. We were able to travel to this destination thanks to an invitation by Wish, a hotel that was built in the 1980s. It has lifeguards, and a truly privileged view. Enjoy the beach while the tide gently comes and goes! When it rises, the strip of sand practically disappears, while you can enjoy some jazz or lounge at the pool overlooking the sea.

When in Natal, you should definitely do the traditional buggy ride. A seven-hour journey, the buggy ride will take you through the beaches of Redinha, Santa Rita, Barra do Rio, Graçandu, Pitangui, until you reach Jacumã, but not before passing through the famous and exciting dunes of Genipabu. The buggy carries up to four people, for R$440 (about $100). Dromedary, esquibunda and aerobunda tickets are not included.

Leave a day to go to the municipality of Tibau do Sul, 75 km from the capital, where the famous beach of Pipa is located. But take time in programming your best alternatives to explore the region. In addition to Pipa and the also famous Praia do Amor, it is interesting to put your backpack down in Ponta do Pirambú, a spot with beach access where you will be able to enjoy a spectacular view, relax at the pool only 7 km from Pipa. You can choose their Day Use option, with services such as closets, showers and free use of the pool, that operates from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is a minimum consumption of R$60 ($15) from Monday to Thursday, and R$80 ($20) from Friday to Sunday.

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Judge still a wild card for stretch run

The Yankees are still waiting for their superstar to return.

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Aaron Judge has not appeared in an MLB game since Jul. 27 due to a wrist injury that has had trouble healing. GETTY IMAGES

The New York Yankees are still waiting for right-fielding slugger Aaron Judge to return to the lineup.

It's adding further worries to an already tense time as the team is attempting to hold off the Oakland Athletics for the top spot in the American League Wild Card race.

Judge, one of his team's most complete hitters, has been shelved since Jul. 27 after suffering a chip fracture in his right wrist when he was hit by a pitch.

Originally, the Yankees expected a quick return as they placed him on the 10-day disabled list.

Not only has he not returned but manager Aaron Boone still can't give a definitive answer on when his team can expect the 26-year-old back with the big club.

"We have a little bit of an idea of a timeline," Boone admitted on Tuesday before the Yankees' 10-5 loss to the Minnesota Twins, shrinking their advantage in the AL Wild Card race to just two games over the Athletics.

He's running out of time to give the answer Yankees fans are looking for considering there is a little over two weeks left in the regular season.

Even with a six-week absence, Judge has still compiled 26 home runs and 61 RBI with a solid .285 average. That kind of production would be savior-like for a Yankees squad that has been a mediocre 7-7 in their last 14 games.

However, an absence this long creates questions about what kind of Judge the Yankees will get back for the final games of the 2018 regular season. It's something Boone called "the great unknown."

After all, Judge just started taking live batting practice outdoors for the first time on Monday.

He has never missed this much time swinging a bat since his electrifying rookie campaign in 2017. Last year saw him miss six games before he sat just two in the Yankees' first 101 games in 2018.

A rusty Judge will only add more problems to an inconsistent Yankees team down the stretch, which is the last thing they need with a one-game playoff against the Athletics looming in October.

Judge's return and production, though, might dictate whether that game is played in New York or Oakland.

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.254	TEAM AVERAGE	.238
.331	ON-BASE %	.322
.458	SLUGGING	.423

More trouble waits for Ereck Flowers

The O-Lineman had a dreadful start to life as a right tackle in Week 1.

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New year, new position, same old Ereck Flowers.

The New York Giants right tackle kept up his alarming trend of bad games as an NFL offensive lineman with a stinker in Week 1 against the Jacksonville Jaguars.

After making the move from the left side of the line to the right after new general manager Dave Gettleman acquired former New England Patriots tackle Nate Solder, Flowers provided a clear indication that nothing is going to change for him.

He committed a tripping penalty on the first play of the Giant's season and then a hold just two plays later.

Ereck Flowers. GETTY IMAGES

If that wasn't enough, he allowed seven of the 18 pressures quarterback Eli Manning faced from the vaunted Jaguars defense in a 20-15 loss.

It did nothing to get in the good graces of new head coach Pat Shurmur as a new-look offensive line that contains Solder, Patrick Omameh and rookie Will Hernandez looked eerily similar to the poor line of protection that had Manning on the run for much of the 2017 season.

Flowers, though, was by far the weakest cog in the sputtering machine.

Now in his fourth season after being selected ninth overall in the 2015 NFL Draft, the 24-year-old's leash with the Giants should be running thin.

The tests for Flowers are not going to get any easier come Week 2 as the Giants travel to Arlington to face the Dallas Cowboys in their home opener.

It is there that he will be matched up against Dallas' feared defensive end DeMarcus Lawerence, who is coming off a stellar 2017 season in which he put up 14.5 sacks and 58 tackles.

He hasn't missed a beat so far in 2018 as he sacked Cam Newton once and racked up seven tackles in the Cowboys' Week 1 loss to the Carolina Panthers. Expect him to feast off Flowers on Sunday.

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Tough Fins await Darnold

After a solid debut, a much more difficult opponent awaits Sam Darnold.

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There are two sides to every story, a saying that is perfectly applicable to New York Jets rookie quarterback Sam Darnold's NFL debut.

The 21-year-old looked solid in Week 1 against the Detroit Lions, throwing for a pair of touchdowns while completing over 76 percent of his passes in a blowout victory.

On the other hand, it came against a Lions defense that looked utterly putrid.

Regardless, after an opening pick-six on his very first professional throw, Darnold looked like an established vet for the remainder of the Jets' 48-17 win.

Sam Darnold. GETTY IMAGES

The Jets and Darnold will be facing a much more difficult opponent in the Miami Dolphins, an AFC East rival that is coming off a 27-20 victory over a Tennessee Titans team that made the playoffs last year.

In that win, the secondary excelled, limiting the combination of Marcus Mariota and Blaine Gabbert to just 220 yards through the air while picking them off three times.

Miami's pass defense was anchored by safety Reshad Jones, who picked off Mariota twice including one that was returned for a touchdown. The veteran centerfielder of Miami's defense has already tied his total from last season, providing the kind of aggression and play recognition that could cause Darnold some problems on Sunday.

Alongside fellow safety and rookie Minkah Fitzpatrick, who starred at Alabama before being selected 11th overall at the 2018 NFL Draft, the Dolphins have a play-making core leading the secondary, something that Darnold will have to be aware of in his second-ever start. Especially when it comes to trying to force the big play on the outside to Robby Anderson or Quincy Enunwa, considering Dolphins cornerback Bobby McCain also looked solid in his 2018 debut, limiting Titans No. 1 receiver Corey Davis to 62 yards.

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Ridgewood Savings Bank, Plaintiff -against- Sean Anderson, Board of Managers of Garden Bay Manor condominium, Criminal Court of the City of New York, Franklin Hospital Medical Center, City of New York Department of Transportation Parking Violations Bureau, City of New York Environmental Control Board, City of New York Transit Adjudication Bureau Defendant(s). Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on August 28, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NEW YORK, IN COURTROOM #25 on September 21, 2018 at 10:00AM premises known as 22-31 77th Street, Unit 2A, East Elmhurst, NY 11370. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of QUEENS, City and State of New York. Block: 1009 Lot: 1025 Together with an undivided .1327 percent interest appurtenant to the apartment unit in common elements of the property. Approximate amount of lien $295,949.60 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 711014/2016. Dominic L. Chiariello, Esq., REFEREE
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SUPREME COURT
QUEENS COUNTY
PENNYMAC CORP., Plaintiff against RICARDO D. MENDOZA, et al Defendants.
Attorney for Plaintiff(s)
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Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered April 4, 2018 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York 11435, in Courtroom #25 on September 28, 2018 at 10:00 AM. Premises known as 142-51 122nd Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11436. Block 12040 Lot 129. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Queens, County of Queens, City and State of New York.
Approximate Amount of Judgment is $657,905.65 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 12885/08.
David Cohen, Esq., Referee
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SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AM1, Plaintiff AGAINST ALBA A. CRUZ, KINGS REALTY & MANAGEMENT SERV, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated May 10, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Courthouse in Courtroom # 25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, on September 21, 2018 at 10:00AM, premises known as 92-13 76TH STREET, WOODHAVEN, NY 11421.
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BLOCK 8947, LOT 61.
Approximate amount of judgment $899,469.83 plus interest and costs.
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v. INDRADAT TILAK,
SUMNIE TILAK, et al., Defendants
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Plaintiff, Index No.: 3120/2012
Against ANTONIO SERQUEIRA, ET AL., Defendant(s).
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SUPREME COURT
QUEENS COUNTY
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against ROSE NEDGEE JOLIDAS, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered September 29, 2016 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York 11435, in Courtroom #25 on September 21, 2018 at 10:00 AM. Premises known as 113-44 199th Street, Saint Albans, NY 11412. Block 10993 Lot 326. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is $530,932.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 21212-13. David Dikman, Esq., Referee XCHJC356

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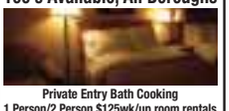

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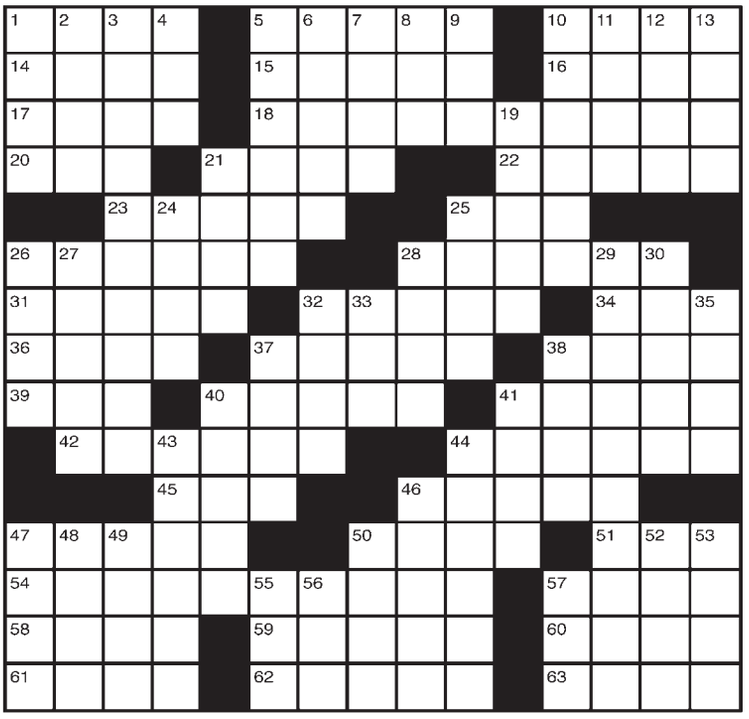

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1 Hair color
5 Chef's accessory
10 __ machines; casino attractions
14 Run fast
15 Rigg or Ross
16 __ tree; partridge's place
17 Rainbows
18 Decline in quality
20 Buzzer
21 Abhor
22 Washing machine cycle
23 Peruvian pack animal
25 Swindle
26 Beer mugs
28 Handgun
31 Slipped up
32 Ill will
34 Gamble
36 Peruse
37 Tangy
38 Boring
39 Blind as a __
40 Smell awful
41 Innocent
42 Religious title
44 Edgar or Candice
45 Present topper
46 Winter jacket
47 Tropical tree with chocolaty seeds
50 Transmit
51 Bathroom feature
54 Still single
57 Health nut's lunch
58 Femur or fibula
59 Strainer
60 Cast-__ skillet
61 Sharp tools
62 Tallied up
63 Fluid-filled sac

DOWN

1 Snatch
2 As __ as hen's teeth
3 Speed up
4 Positive reply
5 Gomez __; John Astin TV role
6 Michelangelo sculpture at the Vatican
7 In a __; furious
8 Afternoon hour
9 Fabray, to friends
10 Short race at top speed
11 Thin
12 Quaker product
13 Birch or beech
19 Jagged
21 Palm's place
24 Committed perjury
25 Salt Lake __
26 Many a Bosnian
27 Tire ridge pattern
28 Choose
29 Required
30 Depart
32 Rotate
33 Brooch
35 Now and __; occasionally
37 Stash away
38 Bowwow
40 Move over a bit
41 Bookish fellow
43 Subsides
44 __ together; joined forces
46 Irritate
47 Actor __ Gooding Jr.
48 As strong as __
49 Walking stick
50 Lean-to
52 Eerie sightings, for short
53 Tap a baseball
55 As happy __ clam
56 El __; Spanish hero
57 Small twitch

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